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1. NEW CHAIRMEN WILL BE ELECTED IN 1978 FOR THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND A MAJORITY OF THE WORKING PARTIES. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS THE PRESENT SITUATION FOR EACH GROUP.
2. SHEFRIN (CANADA) IS IN LINE FOR CHAIRMAN, AGR COMMITTEE. NO OTHER COUNTRY HAS PROPOSED ANOTHER CANDIDATE TO THE SECRETARIAT ALTHOUGH SOME EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS HAVE INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR CANADA'S DEPUTY MINISTER LUSSIER OVER SHEFRIN.
3. FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT WORKING PARTY OF THE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND TRADE, CRAWFORD OF AUSTRALIA IS THE ONLY KNOWN CANDIDATE.

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4. THE QUESTION ON POPP'S CONTINUED AVAILABILITY AS CHAIRMAN OF WORKING PARTY 1 ON AGRICULTURAL POLICIES SHOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY. IF POPP (SWITZ) IS NOT AVAILABLE, MORTENSON OF DENMARK WILL BE A CANDIDATE.
5. BRUGGER (SWITZ) HAS RESIGNED AS CHAIRMAN OF WP 3 ON

DAIRY PRODUCTS. THE FIRST MEETING IN 1978 OF WP-3 IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 3-4. THE SECRETARIAT KNOWS OF NO ACTIVE CANDIDATES.

6. ANHOLT (FRANCE) IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AS CHAIRMAN OF WP-4 ON MEAT.

7. THE FIRST NEW CHAIRMAN TO BE ELECTED IN 1978 WILL BE FOR WP-5 ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. THE MOST ACTIVE CANDIDATE IS BATOULIS (GREECE) WHO IS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CROP PRODUCTION IN THE GREEK MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF WP-5.

8. ON THE BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT CANADA'S QUEST FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE AGR COMMITTEE, THE MISSION HAS INDICATED TO THE CANADIAN DELEGATION ITS SUPPORT OF SHEFRIN'S CANDIDACY. THE MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE U.S. ALSO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACIES OF CRAWFORD FOR JWP, MORTENSON FOR WP-1 (IF POPP RESIGNS) AND BATOULIS FOR WP-5.
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